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1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:
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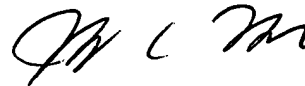
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- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) _____, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:
5. ☒ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
- Patent No. 6,094,526 to Marrion was technically withdrawn prior to issue. However, due to the very late filing of a petition to withdraw, the text of this

patent was available on the U.S. PTO web site for a lengthy time and the text of this patent is still available on the IBM patent web site at www.delphin.com. Thus, Applicant believes this "patent" may qualify as prior art.

6. ☐ Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.
7. ☐ The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.
8. ☐ Applicant(s) request that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

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